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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH KEEPING A "LOW PROFILE" ON THE
RUSSIA-GEORGIA CONFLICT

REF: A. STATE 89769
[B](#). STATE 90978
[C](#). STATE 90980

[1](#). (SBU) Deputy Pol/Econ Chief August 25 delivered Ref A and B demarches to the Director of the Americas wing at the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Masudur Rahman. Rahman expressed concern about the conflict and the effect it was having on the lives of civilians living in the disputed region. Rahman said he would share the USG position with relevant MFA officials, but noted it was likely the Government of Bangladesh would keep a "low profile" on this issue and avoid public comment. He did not make any comments or ask any questions related to the spurious Russian claims regarding the ceasefire agreement (Ref C).
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